

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a system and method for monitoring the external environment of a motor vehicle. The inventive system comprises a device (1) for capturing external information that is representative of an object within a monitored area. The aforementioned information capture device operates together with means (2) for detecting the trajectory of the vehicle and means (3) for detecting the inclination of the vehicle, said means being connected to, and co-operating with, an electronic system (4). According to the invention, a table is generated, which associates the trajectory and/or inclination with a corresponding monitored area to be covered by the capture device (1). The inventive method consists in using the aforementioned system and table in order to vary the monitored area depending on the trajectory and/or inclination of the vehicle, through the selection and implementation of appropriate actions by the electronic system (4), said actions depending on the type of capture device (1) used.